Particularly, the reason for delay in the second test flight of the Intermediate range surface-to-air missile, Agni, officially scheduled for the last week of February, 1992 is shrouded in mystery. This launch has been postponed repeatedly since its successful test firing in May, 1989.

The proposed shifting of the Chief Architect of the missile programme to Delhi, at this juncture, to head the Defence Research and development Organisation (DRDO), which is an umbrellas outfit for all defence related research and development, is bound to raise many disturbing questions, including the seriousness of Government intentions to pursue all the missile projects to the logical conclusion of their induction to the services, since the surface-to-surface missile Prithvi and the surface-to-air missle Trishul are also yet to go on production.

Therefore, I request the Government to clarify the reasons for the delay.

(v) Need to review the decisions for withdrawl of monetaruy support to National Textile Corporations units and British India Corporation; units in Kanpur

[Translation]

SHRI MOHAN SINGH (Deoria): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Kanpur is a major industrial city in northern India. There are five mills of National Textile Corporation and four mills of British India Corporation in this city Government has withdrawn its financial assistance to these mills due to which twenty eight thousand workers of these units are likely to be rendered jobless, This has caused a widespread resentment and discontentment among the trade unions of this city and of Northern India. Government has decided to retire many labourers under the voluntary retirement scheme. It would also affect the industrial environment of Uttar Pradesh.

Therefore, I urge the Central Government to restart these mills and save these labourers from being rendered jobless.

(vi) Need to expedite functioning of Naval Academy at Ezhimala, Kerala

[English]

SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI (Kasargod): Sir, decision was taken to have Naval Academy at Ezhimala in Kerala in 1982. Only consideration was the merit of the site and fitness of Ezhimala. The concerned Government rendered all the required help. Because of the interest taken by the then Kerala Government, the land was acquired and the possession of land was handed over to the Naval Academy.

Even after 10 years, it has not become the Naval Academy in the real sense as so far only fencing of the area, construction of gate and posting of security and watermen have been done. Naval authorities have not even constructed roads there. Drinking water and electricity have also not been provided there.

I urge upon the Government to expedite and complete the work to enable the functioning of the Naval Academy without further delay.

13.45 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till Forty five minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at fifty three minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

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[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The House will now take up discussion and voting on